AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Government have received a representation dated 16.8.1996 addressed to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament by the Employees' Association at Kalpakka enclosing a list of demands.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Action taken on the demands is indicated below:

(1)	Workcharged regularisation	: 44 workcharged employees have been regularised. Remaining 8 persons will be regularised as and when vacancies arise.
(2)	Security for Township	: The Government instructions to not provide for security for housing colonies.
(3)	National holidays compensation	: This is regulated as per orders of Government of India.
(4)	24 hours First Aid facility	: First Aid Centre functions from 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Medical facility is available in the township hospital round-the-clock.
(5)	Ambulance	: Ambulance is available.
(6)	Drivers promotion, Helper Cosmetic Maintenance Promotion and Canteen employees promotion.	: This is regulated as per the orders of the Government.

Rat Menace in VIP Areas

725. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that almost all the VIP bungalows and flats in Delhi, including those of MPs, are infested with rats and white ants; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to eradicate the menace in the VIP areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir. Some VIP bungalows and flats are infested with rats and white ants.

(b) Whenever any complaint is received pesticide and chemicals are being sprayed to eradicate rats and white ants. However, a scheme for a more durable and long lasting solution is under consideration in consultation with experts.

Committee on Delhi Rent Control Bill

726. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee consisting of representatives of Delhi based National Political Parties was constituted to examine the controversial provisions of the Delhi Rent Control Bill and to make suggestions for modification in the Bill, to strike a balance between the rights of the landlords and the tenants, taking into account human aspect of the problem;

(b) if so, whether the said Committee has submitted its recommendations;

(c) if so, the salient features of those recommendations;

(d) whether Government held further talks with the political parties in this matter; and

(e) if so, the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (e) Soon after the Delhi Rent Bill 1994 was passed by the Parliament, representations were received from a section of trader-tenants demanding changes in some of the provisions of the Bill. The Chief Minister, Government of NCT of Delhi also appointed an All Party Committee which suggeeted some changes in the Bill. These suggestions primarily relate to registration of tenancies, eviction, inheritablitiy, enhancement of rent, deemed rent, etc. On the other hand a large number of representation have been received asking for early emplementation of the Act. All the issues are under examination of the Government.

Impact of Changes in Power Policy on the Mega Projects

727. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether major changes in the power policy announced by the Prime Minister have put a question mark on the future of mega projects as well as on the planning in the power sector;

(b) whether sharing of power generated from mega projects has been a contentious issue, as most of SEBS are demanding a bigger cut for themselves and it has not been specified as to who would bear such a responsibility;

(c) whether the delegation of power to States to clear private power projects must be juxtaposed with SEBs capability to undertake the responsibility of providing techno-economic clearance for all project; and

(d) it so, the details of the procedure adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. the sharing of power from power plants set up in the Central Sector is decided on the basis of a prescribed formula. For private sector mega projects i.e. projects of capacity 1000 MW or more and supplying power to more than one State, the sharing of power is negotiated and finalised throught power purchase agreements (PPAs) between promoter and the purchasing State Electricity Boards. The policy provides for Power Grid to take measures for selection of the promoters and help in finalising the PPAs.

(c) and (d) The power for techno-economic clearance of power projects to the States have been delegated to the States basically with regard to schemes for generating stations being set up by Generating Companies selected on the basis of competitive bidding for projects involving capital expenditure upto Rupees One thousand Crores, to enable speedy clearances of the projects in line with the policy of liberalisation.

OECF fund for power projects in Andhra Pradesh

728. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to get the Simhadri Power project at Visakhapatnam and Krishnapatnam Thermal Power Station in Nellore district processed for inclusion under OECF funding for the current and the coming year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to get the project cleared in the interest of development of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY